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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management  
Director, Office of Performance Evaluation  
and Improvement

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director, Office of Community  
Information Systems

SUBJECT: Future of CONTEXT/DISCON

REFERENCE: Memo from [REDACTED]  
dtd 8 May 1978, same subject

1. Action Requested: Choice of alternatives as listed in paragraph 5 of referenced memorandum.

2. Background: This memorandum is provided for further amplification of the budget issue which is highlighted in paragraph 3 of referenced memorandum. In January 1978 changes were effected in the role and mission of the IC Staff's Information Handling Division which is now structured as the Office of Community Information Systems (OCIS). These changes do not include the continuation of project management tasks which have been associated with the CONTEXT and DISCON projects. As such, it has been the goal of this office to move these projects to an office/organization which is closer to the forms of crises management for which CONTEXT and DISCON are designed to support. To this extent, we endorse the optional recommendations of paragraph 5 of the referenced memorandum.

3. However, it must be recognized that the budgeted funds for either of these projects will not be available in the amounts indicated in paragraph 3 of the reference. To the extent that the IC Staff budget is reduced for FY 79 below the amounts included in the budget originally submitted to Congress, the funds for CONTEXT and DISCON, which amount to almost [REDACTED] for FY 79, will be reduced or eliminated entirely. The figures shown in the referenced memorandum for FY 80 are estimates of the enhanced level of our ZBB input for FY 80. Again, should the Staff receive substantial budget cuts for FY 80, these funds too will be reduced or may in fact disappear.

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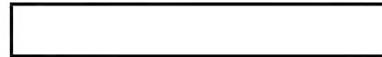
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4. Recommendation: The assignment of executive agent authority and responsibility for CONTEXT and DISCON should be made without the expressed or implied promise that any funds will be available for transfer to the acquiring organization from the budget of the RMS for FY 79 and FY 80.



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